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1. THE BULK OF THE SUBJECT PAPER IS DEVOTED TO SUMMARIZING
THE PROCEEDINGS AND DECLARATION, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRO-
GRAMS OF THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

2. THE FINAL PAGE OF THE TWENTY-PAGE DOCUMENT IS QUOTED IN
ITS ENTIRETY ALONG WITH ANNEX I MENTIONED THEREIN.

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IV. FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF HABITAT TO CONVENE A REGIONAL
UNITED NATIONS MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 1976 OR EARLIER, TO ES-
TABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE COORDINATION OF ACTION ON HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF AMPLE
TIME AND THE NEED TO MAKE ADEQUATE PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR
SUCH A MEETING, THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO RECOMMEND THE CON-
VENING OF THE REGIONAL MEETING IN 1977, SO THAT THE REPORT
COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENER-
AL ASSEMBLY.

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THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF HABITAT FOR THE UP-GRADING AND

STRENGTHENING OF THE FACILITIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS DEALING WITH HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, THE INCREASED DECENTRALIZATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD FROM THE GLOBAL TO THE REGIONAL LEVEL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION CENTRE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, IF IMPLEMENTED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, WILL ENABLE ESCAP TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO AND SUPPORT FOR COUNTRY PROGRAMMES IN THIS FIELD. THEY WILL ALSO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE REGION WILL NEED ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT IN MANY IMPORTANT AREAS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION. ASSISTANCE WILL BE NEEDED IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS POLICIES AND PROBLEMS, THE IMPROVEMENT OF SLUMS AND SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS, PROGRAMS ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING, IMPROVEMENT OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS DEALING WITH HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REALISTIC STANDARDS FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE USEFUL AS WELL AS DESIRABLE THAT THE SECRETARIAT PROVIDE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THE SERVICES OF A REGIONAL ADVISER ON THE FINANCING OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, A REGIONAL ADVISER ON LAND POLICIES AND LAND USE CONTROL, AND A REGIONAL ADVISER ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PROJECTS THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARIAT'S WORK PROGRAMME (ANNEX I), WHICH WOULD GIVE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THEIR PROBLEMS AND ENABLE THEM TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MORE EFFECTIVELY. WHILE IT IS PROPOSED THAT MOST OF THESE PROJECTS BE FUNDED BY UNDP, THERE ARE SOME THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AS SHOWN IN ANNEX I.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE ALSO URGED TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THE FACILITIES OF THE TRAINING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRES OPERATING UNDER ESCAP AUSPICES, NAMELY: (A) ASIAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING), LOCATED AT BANGKOK; (B) ASIAN CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AT KUALA

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LUMPUR, MALAYSIA; (C) UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT NAGOYA, JAPAN; (D) ASIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE AT TOKYO, JAPAN; (E) ASIAN CENTRE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED AT MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES; AND (F) THE TWO REGIONAL HOUSING CENTRES AT NEW DELHI, INDIA, AND AT BANDUNG, INDONESIA.

ANNEX I

SUGGESTED REGIONAL PROJECTS FOR 1977 - 1981

TITLE OR DESCRIPTION -----	TIMING (TENTATIVE) -----
1. REGIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL OFFICIALS TO FORMULATE AND ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE CO-ORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF ACTION TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS	1977 #1
2. REGIONAL ADVISER ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES	1978-1979
3. REGIONAL ADVISER ON LAND POLICIES AND PROBLEMS	1978-1979
4. REGIONAL ADVISER ON FINANCING OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS	1978-1979
5. INTEGRATED PROGRAMME ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF SLUMS AND SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS	1977-1981
6. ADVISORY GROUP ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF RURAL SETTLEMENT (PHASE I)	1977-1978
7. INTEGRATED PROGRAMME ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF RURAL SETTLEMENTS (PHASE II)	1978-1981
8. STUDY TOUR ON HOUSING POLICIES, PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	1978-1979
9. SEMINAR ON THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR RURAL SETTLEMENTS	1978-1979
10. ASSISTANCE FOR STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL HOUSING CENTRES AT NEW DELHI, INDIA AND AT BANDUNG, INDONESIA	1977-1981
(A) PHASE I (PRELIMINARY ASSISTANCE MISSION)	1977
(B) PHASE II (IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMME)	1978-1981
FORMULATED BY THE MISSION REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE)	
11. MANUAL ON PHYSICAL PLANNING OF RURAL CENTRES (NETHERLANDS FUNDING)	1976-1977 #2

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12. GROUP OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE DRAFT MANUAL ON PHYSICAL PLANNING OF RURAL CENTRES	1977-1978
13. MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF BUILDING RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (DANISH FUNDS)#2	1977-1978
14. ROVING SEMINAR ON STANDARDIZATION AND COMPONENT BUDILDING (DANISH FUNDS) #2	1978-1979
15. GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING ON STANDARDS FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS	1979-1980

#1 - HABITAT RECOMMENDED THAT REGIONAL MEETINGS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR CO-ORDINATING ACTION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS IN THE RESPECTIVE REGIONS BE CONVENED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE REPORT COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 1976. TO PROVIDE AMPLE TIME FOR PREPARATORY WORK, IT

IS SUGGESTED THAT, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THIS
MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN 1977.

#2 - NEGOTIATIONS FOR FUNDING THIS PROJECT IN PROGRESS.
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